Bodacious® Hummingbird Falls Sage

Salvia 'Hummingbird Falls'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A compact and trailing variety, producing pagoda-like whorls of indigo blue flowers with striking black calyces on short, 4" stems; arrow shaped deep green leaves are aromatic; great for dry, sunny areas; little water required once established

Ornamental Features

Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented indigo tubular flowers with black calyces rising above the foliage from late winter to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage flowers
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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Bodacious Hummingbird Falls Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.